

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant presents replacement paragraphs and/or lines with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikethroughs or double bracketing. Insertions in text that is already underlined in the filed specification are indicated by double underlining.

Please amend the specification on page 15, line 31 to add the following paragraph.

In a preferred embodiment, an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide is synthetic, between 2 to 100 base pairs in size and contains a consensus mitogenic CpG motif represented by the formula:



wherein C and G are unmethylated, X_1 , X_2 , X_3 and X_4 are nucleotides and a GCG trinucleotide sequence is not present at or near the 5' and 3' termini.